

# GILA NATIONAL FOREST



# NEWS

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## Wildfires

**Hidden:** Reserve Ranger District, detected on 6/07/06, located 15 miles east of Reserve, NM. Smoke was reported after lightning storm but fire could not be found. Remains in monitoring status today.

## Wildland Fire Use – All were lightning-caused

**Wilson:** Reserve Ranger District, detected on 6/06/06, located 9 miles northwest of Reserve, NM. The fire is approximately 1300 acres (decrease due to better mapping) and burning in piñon-juniper and ponderosa pine. Fire is mainly backing in the understory, with short upslope runs in pine forest. Plans today are to prep and fire handline as needed from Big Flat south to Outlaw Springs and from Outlaw Springs to NFRS 49. This will check fire from moving into areas where there are resource issues or private lands. The fire is on both sides of NFRS 49 road and a road closure is in effect on this road from the NFRS 49A junction to the junction of NFRS 545 in the vicinity of Torriette Lake. Two State engines are stationed on private land to monitor and provide structure protection if needed, but there are no current threats to structures. Resources assigned to the fire include four 20-person type 1 crews, 2 fire use modules, 4 engines, and 9 miscellaneous overhead, for a total of 118. Reserve District personnel are providing additional support.

**Martinez:** Reserve Ranger District, detected on 6/06/06, located 12 miles southwest of Reserve, NM. The fire is approximately 450 acres and made a 1 mi. run to the north yesterday. Plans are to monitor fire progression and build a check line to keep fire from moving west onto private land. There are no likely threats to structures. The fire will continue to burn in the interior. Staffing includes a 10-person fire use module, one engine, and one miscellaneous overhead for a total of 15 personnel.

**Prescribed Fires** – There are no prescribed fires on the Reserve Ranger District at this time.

## Definitions

**Wildland Fire** is any non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland. Three distinct types of wildland fire have been defined and include **wildfire**, **wildland fire use**, and **prescribed fire**.

**Wildfire** is an unplanned, unwanted wildland fire, including unauthorized human-caused fires, escaped wildland fire use events, escaped prescribed fire projects, and all other wildland fires where the objective is to put the fire out.

**Wildland Fire Use** is the application of appropriate management response to naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific resource management objectives in predefined designated areas outlined in Fire Management Plans.

**Prescribed fire** is any fire ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives. A written, approved prescribed fire plan must exist, and NEPA requirements (where applicable) must be met, prior to ignition.